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Dear Sir/Madam

This letter is to document that a clerical error has been noticed which calls to question the validity of certain schools and libraries using the posted Form 470 application # 605510000940137 Funding Year 2012 when referenced in their Form 471.

The intent of this application was to create a Rhode Island State Master Price Agreement (MPA) for Internet Access for all schools and libraries in Rhode Island. The error which occurred is that the posted Request for Proposal (RFP) had a defined list of schools attached to it and in the RFP language making claim that only those schools on the list can use the MPA.

The Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) wishes to ask that this error be corrected and that all school and libraries in Rhode Island be allowed to use the posted Form 470 and thus the resulting MPA as that was RIDE's intent. Rhode Island's State Purchasing rules which over the creation of this MPA allow for all school and libraries to purchase services from MPA #464.

Again, this was a clerical error that would greatly harm Rhode Island's school and libraries. Many consortium members are currently being questioned by PIA's regarding this serious error. I would like to ask that all PIA's be made aware of this letter. And that any PIA inquiry relating to this error should use this letter to substantiate and/or document a school's or library's response.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please reach me at (401) 222-4694 or by email at Karen.cooper@ride.ri.gov

Sincerely,



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